



Our Newspaper Turns 85 But Its Name Is Not Yet 70

by Deanna Dawson

The Greenbelt News Review turns 85 years old on November 24 (coincidentally Thanksgiving Day this year), but the paper's name dates back only to 1954. The paper was first called the Greenbelt Cooperator, a name the Journalistic Club selected as appropriate for a town founded on cooperative principles. Not everyone liked that name, though, evidenced by a letter to the editor in the December 22, 1937, issue. Greenbelt resident Howard Custer complained that the name sounded "preachy; syrupy" while also suggesting a "trade journal" or "house organ." He thought The Greenbelt Town Crier was a better name for a paper that reported on happenings around town. The next week resident Samuel Maryn wrote in to support the original name and to criticize Custer's alternative, which Maryn thought evoked

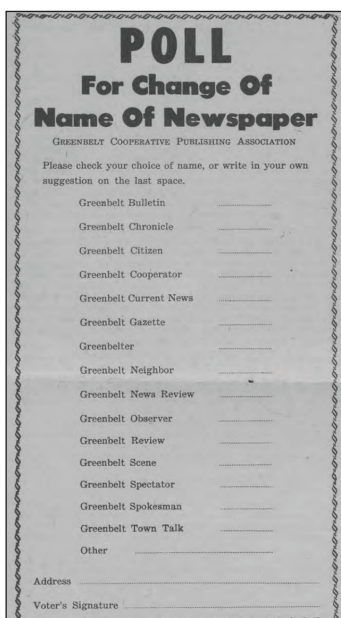


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Readers were asked to indicate their preferred name for the paper on this poll, in July/August, 1954.

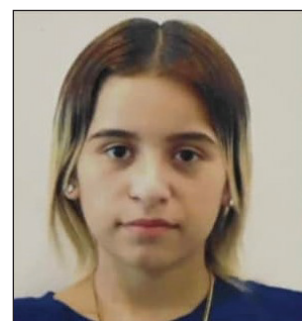
"powdered wigs and knee-breeches," not the town of the future that Greenbelt was seen as, with its "electric ranges, casement windows and underpasses." The paper invited residents to send in postcards expressing their views.

Discussion of a name change mostly was shelved through the next decade. (And Custer became a contributor to the paper, writing the Custer's Last Stand column, which commented on town affairs and life in general, from 1938 into 1941.) The paper's name was formally considered by its membership at an October 1949 meeting of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association, with proponents of change wanting to clearly separate the paper from the town's other cooperatives, particularly Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc., which had helped

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Remains of Missing Greenbelt Teen Discovered in Takoma Park

On November 15, at approximately 12:30 p.m., skeletal remains were discovered in a wooded area near the 1600 block of Drexel Street in Takoma Park. This weekend the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner confirmed the identity of the victim as missing 17-year-old Rosa Maria Diaz-Santos of Greenbelt. An autopsy ruled the manner of death a homicide.



Rosa Maria Diaz-Santos

PHOTO COURTESY GREENBELT POLICE

Rosa Maria Diaz-Santos was last seen on September 22 at 7:40 a.m. as she left Franklin Park to attend Eleanor Roosevelt High School. She was reported missing at 10:01 a.m. on October 3, near 5700 Cherrywood Lane.

The Prince George's County Police Department's Homicide Unit is working to determine a motive and identify and arrest the suspect(s).

If anyone has information relevant to this investigation, they are asked to please call detectives at 301-516-2512.

Callers wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477), or go online at www.pgcrimesolvers.com, or use the "P3 Tips" mobile app (search "P3 Tips" in the Apple Store or Google Play to download the app onto your mobile device.) Please refer to case number 22-0055748.

Piscataway People of Maryland: The Original Greenbelters?

by Lois Rosado

The Piscataway People settled in various parts of Prince George's County. Piscataway means "the people where the river bends." Their ancestors arrived in Maryland more than 10,000 years ago. Their lands spread from southern Maryland and

included Baltimore, Montgomery and Anne Arundel counties and the Washington, D.C., areas. Piscataway tribes speak an Algonquin dialect of the Nanticoke and were part of the Powhatan Confederacy.

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Pack 202 Celebrates Greenbelt Generosity

by Barrett Bedford-Dillow



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

Members of Pack 202 pose with the food they collected, sorted and bagged for transportation.

The annual food drive of Cub Scout Pack 202 called Scouting for Food was a great success this year. After a change in style during the height of the pandemic, the pack returned to door-to-door collections to gather food donations. Many tireless scouts, from grades K through five, covered Old Greenbelt twice on foot – first to advertise and then to gather.

Thanks to the generosity of the Greenbelt community, the scouts collected over 300 bags – at least 1,500 pounds of food (that's 3/4 of a ton). The scouts also sorted and bagged the donations for transportation.

The donations were divided between the St. Hugh's Food Pantry and the Help By Phone network.

Council Approves ARPA Programs: Homebuyers, Scholarships, Healthcare

by Deb Daniel

On November 14, the Greenbelt City Council approved Interim City Manager Timothy George's proposed programs that use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds already approved by council. The programs benefit Greenbelt residents who are first-time homebuyers, scholarship applicants or persons in need of healthcare vouchers.

Homebuyer Assistance

The city will be working with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development's Community Development Authority to implement a program to assist Greenbelt renters with down payment and/or closing costs. The program will include a grant of up to \$15,000 and possibly an additional \$2,500.

Interim Assistant City Manager Debi Sandlin's memorandum of November 10 states,

"The goal is sustainable and affordable housing for low to moderate income. The Maryland Mortgage Program requires that borrowers do not exceed the Area Median Income based on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) income guidelines and that the purchase and loan amounts stay within established parameters. ..."

Eligible borrowers must be existing renters in Greenbelt for 12 or more consecutive months and be purchasing a home in

Greenbelt. The home must be occupied by the homebuyer, and the borrower cannot own any other real estate property at the time of closing.

More information can be found by contacting Sandlin on the city website at greenbeltmd.gov.

Discussion

One concern is that the program is limited as to the types of loans that can be used. Kim Kash from Compass Realty noted

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PHOTO BY GLORIA WALTERS-FLOWERS

Bergamot members Jillian Speece and Nathaniel Hoff surprise the audience with a mini-concert after the screening at the Utopia Film Festival. See story, page 8.

Letters to the Editor

Please Have Patience During the Holidays

I visited the Co-op Sunday morning after visiting the farmer’s market. An older feeble woman was in checkout. The cashier called for backup knowing it would take a bit longer to take care of her.

Immediately Betty came out of the office to ring as the line was getting longer.

A not-much-younger guy was behind the older woman and loudly said, “Can I just pay for this please, I can’t wait a second longer?” He got out of line and left his stuff on the belt. I was two people behind him and was shocked and appalled at the behavior of the man; there was no reason to act the way he did.

If you are in a rush, don’t go to the store and be rude about waiting in line.

Kathryn Beard

Make Like a Tree And Leave

Kudos to Xochitl Zamora-Thompson and her article “Merits of an Untidy Fall Yard” (November 17 issue p.12) for reminding us that collecting leaves for pick-up is not the only way to work with our annual autumn leafing in Greenbelt. Here is a follow-up from my lifetime of experiences:

* Leave them where they fall. Then collect colorful leaves for an art project or rake into a pile to jump in!

* Fallen leaves also serve as

habitat for firefly larva, beetles that live 95 percent of their lives in leaf litter. As they munch on slugs and such, you will be treated next year to a summer light show.

* Gather and grind leaves to use as mulch in flowerbeds, gardens or in designated firefly habitats.

* Place collected leaves into a big compost pile to create a rich soil amendment, known as leaf mold. Use this rich resource in gardens or on lawns once the leaves have partially decomposed.

* Nothing beats a brown carbon addition to managed compost piles like leaves. Even better, shred them and add to your pile as they take up less space and speed up the composting process.

* Lasagna Gardening: like the good recipe we are all familiar with you can enrich your soil by layering the following: twigs, wood chips and small limbs to provide aeration; then add a thick “brown” layer of leaves, straw and shredded newspaper; finally add a “green” component such as grass clippings and plant cuttings. Repeat as needed. Within six months or so you will have a rich soil.

Finally, if you do not want to do any of the above, why not advertise to your local community gardens or neighbors that if they are in need of leaves, they can come to your yard and freely collect as much as they need.

Joe Robbins
CHEARS Center Three Sisters Garden Volunteer



PHOTO BY RACHEL CHANNON

The allotment garden on a foggy morning

On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre

Black Panther: Wakanda Forever

In this much anticipated sequel to Marvel’s first Blank Panther film, Queen Ramonda (Angela Bassett), Shuri (Letitia Wright), M’Baku (Winston Duke), Okoye (Danai Gurira) and the Dora Milaje (including Florence Kasumba) fight to protect their nation from intervening world powers in the wake of King T’Challa’s death. As the Wakandans strive to embrace their next chapter, the heroes must band together with the help of War Dog Nakia (Lupita Nyong’o) and Everett Ross (Martin Freeman) and forge a new path for the kingdom of Wakanda.

Till

Till is an emotional and cinematic film about the true story of Mamie Till Mobley’s relentless pursuit of justice for her 14-year-old son, Emmett Till who, in 1955, was brutally lynched while visiting his cousins in Mississippi. In Mamie’s poignant journey of grief turned to action, we see the universal power of a mother’s ability to change the world. “Danielle Deadwyler gives the breakout performance of the year as a Black activist mother who used the 1955 lynching of her son Emmett Till to galvanize the civil-rights movement,” said critic Peter Travers of ABC News. “[Director] Chinonye Chukwu crafts this emotional powerhouse into essential viewing.”



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Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13) (CC) (DVS) (2022) (161 mins)

Fri. 4:30 PM, 8:00 PM
Screen 1
Sat. 4:30 PM, 8:00 PM
Screen 1
Sun. 1:30 PM (OC), 5:00 PM
Screen 1
Mon. 2:00 PM, 5:00 PM
Screen 1
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Thurs. 4:30 PM, 8:00 PM
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Till (PG-13) (CC) (DVS) (2022) (130 mins)

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Let’s give thanks for millions of years ruling earth, and cheers to a million more.

- M. Kusie

Letters Policy
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GNR external office door mail slot is located up a few stairs 25 yards left of the Community Center’s east door near the municipal building.

Community Events

Museum Welcomes All At Deco the Halls

Deco the Halls, the Greenbelt Museum’s annual holiday open house, returns this year. After skipping 2020 and 2021, the Museum is pleased to welcome everyone back to the historic house at 10-B Crescent Road on Friday, December 2 from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

As always, the house will be full of sparkling vintage holiday decorations (they proudly display both a Christmas tree and a menorah). There will also be a pop-up gift shop in 10-A Crescent next door.

No tickets or pre-registration is required for this event, which immediately follows the city’s tree lighting at the Roosevelt Center.

The Museum will also be vending at Sparkle Mart, the city’s juried art and craft fair at the Community Center, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 3, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 4. In addition to Mother and Child statuettes, vintage toys, ornaments and cookbooks, the Museum has a new ornament for 2022 that features a sketch by Greenbelt cartoonist Izzy Parker.

Woodland Restoration Workday Saturday

Want a little exercise after the Thanksgiving celebration? Help prepare ground for the benefit of fireflies, butterflies and birds. The GHI Woodlands Committee is hosting a workday on Saturday, November 26, from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers will remove invasive shrubs and vines to prepare for planting bare-root elderberry, spicebush and native wildflowers above the Hillside underpass. Those interested in helping should meet on the bike path by the underpass, just a bit uphill from the Firefly Sanctuary.

What to bring:

1. A face mask.
2. Clothes that cover the skin.

Leather gloves and thick pants to protect against scratches.

3. Loppers, pruning shears and shovels.

For more information, email SowingStrength2@gmail.com.

Author Chaudry Talks At Greenbelt Library

Best-selling author and Bowie resident Rabia Chaudry will discuss and sign her new book *Fatty Boom Boom: A Memoir of Food, Fat and Family* on Tuesday, December 6, at 6 p.m. in person at the Greenbelt Library. The event will also be available virtually.

The book is a warm, intimate memoir with a starred review by *Publisher’s Weekly* about food, body image and growing up in a loving but sometimes oppressively concerned Pakistani immigrant family. Searingly honest, relatable and powerful, Chaudry’s story is that of a woman grappling with a body that gets the job done but refuses to meet the expectations of others.

This is an opportunity to hear directly from the author before reading the book as part of Prince George’s County Reads 2022/2023.

The event is sponsored by the Prince George’s County Office of Human Rights and Prince George’s County Memorial Library System, in partnership with the University of Maryland’s Center for Literary and Comparative Studies.

Shop Small Business At the American Legion

Looking for a unique gift item? Come on up to the Greenbelt American Legion Auxiliary’s Craft Fair on Small Business Saturday, November 26. Over 30 tables of mainly handcrafted items will feature practical, decorative and “giftable” items: crafts from jewelry to jams, holiday style to hemp creations, as well as scarves, soaps, fudge, ornaments, table decorations and wreaths. The fair will be held in the main hall of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no admission charge, so come on up, avoid the shopping center crowds, browse for that perfect gift, have a snack, a free cup of coffee and maybe win a door prize.

Christmas Festival At Community Church

Come celebrate the Christmas season with Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ. Join in for an outdoor Christmas Festival on Sunday, December 11 from 3 to 5 p.m. and enjoy holiday crafts, games, storytelling, caroling and an audience-participation Nativity story. Donations will be collected of new mittens, gloves, hats and scarves to be distributed to local elementary schools for kids in need.

On Sunday, December 18 at 4 p.m. a Christmas concert will feature classical and contemporary Christmas standards during the first half and a rock 'n' roll Christmas with local band, The Relics, during the second half. Baked goods and hot beverages will be sold during intermission, with proceeds going to various charities supported by the church.

Become a Plogger: Make Greenbelt Sparkle

What is “plogging”? It’s an eco-friendly exercise that involves picking up trash while jogging or walking – taking care of one’s health at the same time. Plogging was coined by Swedish outdoorsman and environmentalist Erik Ahlstrom and comes from *plocka*, the Swedish word for pick up.

Greenbelt Plogs, a RUAK initiative, is a fun and engaging way to clean up litter from the streets, paths, streams and ponds while raising awareness on the importance of preventing stormwater pollution.

Join fellow Greenbelters in helping make Greenbelt sparkle. Those interested in joining Greenbelt Plogs should email Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.

PORCH Food Drive Weekend Schedule

The dates have been revised for the remaining Greenbelt PORCH November pickups:

By 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 27 for 9 and 12 Courts Ridge Road

By 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 27 for 11 and 13 Courts Ridge Road.

Volunteers who would like to expand Greenbelt PORCH to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt are always welcome. Coordinators in the Greenbelt East area are especially needed. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection with Greenbelt PORCH, email Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com.

“If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one,” said Mother Teresa.

Golden Age Club Meets November 30

Join the Golden Age Club on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. in the Community Center, 2nd floor meeting room. The next meeting is November 30, BINGO.

Toastmasters Open House

Greenbelt Toastmasters will host a virtual open house on Wednesday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m., with the theme of Comfort and Joy. The club provides a fun and friendly environment in which to improve communication and leadership skills. All are welcome. Visit greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org for more details.

GAC Holds Auditions For Stoppard’s Arcadia

The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) will hold auditions for Tom Stoppard’s *Arcadia*, directed by Randy Barth, on Monday and Tuesday, December 5 and 6, at 7 p.m. in the GAC lobby. Callbacks, if needed, will be Thursday, December 8.

Arcadia is set in an English country house and takes place in both 1809 and today. Scholars debate the relationships between past and present, order and disorder, and certainty and uncertainty. The (often inaccurate) sleuthing of the modern researchers is contrasted with those who lived there before and provide both comedy and drama. And indeed, there are scandals, both academic and personal, that keep the plot shifting. The play presents a rich combination of farcical elements, clever wordplay and omens of a dark future.

Auditions for *Arcadia* were originally held in 2020, before the pandemic led to the show’s postponement. Some of the original cast have returned; six parts remain to be cast at these auditions. Rehearsals will start January 2 and the performances are March 3 through 18, 2023.

Additional details about the parts to be cast, audition sides, GAC’s audition and COVID policies, and an online form are available at the website: greenbeltartscenter.org/auditions.

More Community Events are located throughout the paper.

Auditions for

Arcadia

by Tom Stoppard
directed by Randy Barth

Monday & Tuesday, December 5 & 6

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Coming Soon: The Chromatics, “Returning Presence”, December 10 - 17.

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11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
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Pun INTended (Total Goofballs; With Caitlin Gromf, NDC Music Coordinator!), 8:00 - 11:00pm

Saturday, 11/26

JAZZ JAM (DMV Musicians' Jam), 2:00 - 5:00pm

Kiva (Worldbeat Ensemble), 8:00 - 11:00pm

Sunday, 11/27

DEAF BRUNCH, Newcomers Welcome! 10:30am - 12:00pm

DeBonis/Allen/Joseloff Trio (Blend of Originals and Favorites), 6:00 - 8:00pm

Monday, 11/28

CHESS CLUB, All Ages/Levels Welcome! 6:00 - 8:00pm, and:

NEW DEAL CAFE BOARD MEETING, 6:30 - 8:00pm

Tuesday, 11/29

Open Mic w/ Matt Severson, 6:30 - 8:00pm

Wednesday, 11/30

Misbehavin' Maidens (Lewd Lyrical Lassies), 7:00 - 9:00pm

Thursday, 12/1

Wolf's Open Blues Jam (Bodacious Boogie Blues Jam), 6:30 - 10:00pm

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Obituaries

Daniel Kennedy



Daniel Kennedy

Daniel Kennedy died on November 8, 2022, joining his wife, Thelma, to whom he was married for 61 years, on the other side of the rainbow. Daniel was a resident of Greenbelt for over 50 years. A lot of people knew him from his wonderful artwork, some displayed around Greenbelt. One is currently on the wall in Generous Joe’s.

Daniel was an amazing man, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was extremely intelligent and had a fun, goofy side to his personality and an empathetic heart. He was also a very talented artist. He enjoyed painting and sculpting and had many notable paintings, including one he painted of Governor Parris Glendening and his family, for which he was given a special ceremony by Mr. Glendening himself. Daniel was a huge presence in the local artist community as well and contributed to it in many ways. He left a mark on this earth. Daniel is survived by his children Mark, Ward (Kim), Malin and Kim; granddaughter Teresa Uber (Jeremy); and great-grandsons Christopher and Cameron Mendoza and great-granddaughter Liliana Uber.

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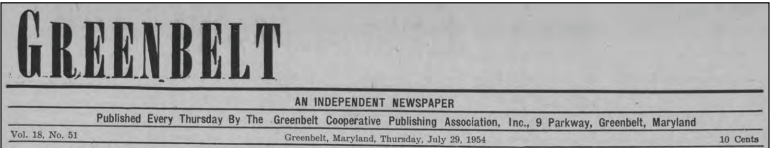
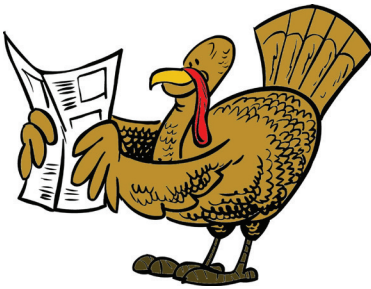
launch the paper in 1937 and had been its major advertiser. Opponents of a name change felt that Cooperator suited a newspaper that supported cooperatives – indeed, “to serve the best interests of the cooperative movement” had been added to the mission statement on the paper’s masthead in 1946 – and that it was a name full of tradition, since that was what the paper had been called from the start. The vote on whether to change the name was split but then reconsidered, with members finally voting to change the name at a meeting on November 27, 1949. A committee was appointed to consider new names and make a recommendation, with the name change to be adopted within three months. The committee issued a plea for name suggestions from readers in an editorial in the February 23, 1950, issue, but there was no progress to report at the annual membership meeting in October

1950 or for a few years after that. Finally, in July 1954, then-editor Harry Zubkoff, perhaps in exasperation, forced the issue by dropping Cooperator from the name on the paper’s banner, and the paper was published as solely “Greenbelt” until a decision could be made. (See, for example, the July 29, 1954, issue at greenbeltnewsreview.com/archives.) Public opinion was again sought, with readers asked to vote on a choice of 15 names or to make another suggestion. The response was disappointing, with fewer than 100 ballots cast: about one-third of the votes were to keep the name Cooperator and the remainder were scattered among the other options. So, in the end, the name choice was made by the paper’s staff members and board of directors. When the September 23, 1954, issue came out, Greenbelt News Review was the name atop the banner.



The Greenbelt artist community, and the community at large, has lost one of its cherished members. Condolences to the family, friends, fellow artists and art patrons of Daniel Kennedy, who died on November 8. Congratulations to Jon Gardner on winning the 2022 John C. Lindsay Memorial Award for Space Science. This is the highest award that NASA Goddard gives to a scientist each year. He is being recognized for his exceptional scientific leadership of the James Webb Space Telescope Science Teams.

Send details of your news to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



The paper ran under this banner for eight issues, from July 29 to September 23, 1954.




The September 23, 1954 issue was the first to run as the Greenbelt News Review.




Sandi Dutton of Post 136 Auxiliary greets the youngster of a military family visiting Post 136 where Rolling Thunder, Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion and Auxiliary representatives distributed Thanksgiving turkey dinners with all the trimmings, including pies.

“O ye rich ones on earth! The poor in your midst are My trust; guard ye My trust.” – Bahá’u’lláh

 **Greenbelt Bahá’í Community**

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Psalms 118:29

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Student Art

The student art exhibit Expressing Your Superpower Through the Arts is now on display through December 16 at the Greenbelt Library, showing works of art created by local students, grades seven through 11.

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City Notes

Horticulture/Parks picked up 30 loads of leaves for mulching and delivered two truckloads of mulch for Boy Scout activities. Street Maintenance/Special Details set up the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program's food/diaper distribution at the Community Center.

Refuse/Recycling collected 27.46 tons of refuse and 11.19 tons of recyclables. Sustainability/Environmental helped 13 volunteers install 65 native trees and shrubs in the understory along the pathway between Ridge Road and Lakeside Drive. Building Maintenance installed a dryer at the Animal Shelter and a pathway light near the Library.

Community Center staff provided space to Greenbelt Astronomy, Concert Band, GAIL, Golden Age Club, Scouts, Community Development, Writers Group and Prince George's Peace & Justice Coalition. Arts activities included an in-studio dance performance, an Art Share and Parent's Night Out. The Aquatic & Fitness Center facilitated Howard County's Art Showcase.

Therapeutic Recreation tested an Ageless Grace hybrid class model at the Youth Center and, at Schrom Hills Park, rangers facilitated two Girl Scout meetings in the Community Room.

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City Information & Events

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GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 28, 2022 at 7:30 pm

ORGANIZATION
Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Petitions and Requests
Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS
Presentations
- **Community Survey**
* **Minutes of Council Meetings**
- **Administrative Reports**
* **Committee Reports**

LEGISLATION
- Comcast Franchise Agreement, 1st Reading
- Resolution Creating Green Ridge House as a City Entity, 2nd Reading and Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS
- Purchase of Meraki WiFi Access Points
- Purchase of Meraki Firewall
- Legislative Priorities
- Council Activities
- Council Reports
* Special Employee Holiday
* Meetings
* Stakeholders

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Greenbelt ARPA Funds Assistance Programs Update (as of 11/14/22)

Rent and Utility Assistance
· 381 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$1,876,481.28

Mortgage and HOA fee Assistance
· 16 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$56,478.17

MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 2

Tuesday, November 29 at 7 pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TREES**, *On the Agenda: Review Past Meeting Minutes, Old Business: Continue Discussion of Street Tree Replacements Near Greenbriar Condominiums, News Business, Adjourn*

Wednesday, November 30 at 7:10 pm, **ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEW**

Wednesday, November 30 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - BICYCLE/ PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN**

Thursday, December 1 at 5:30 pm, **EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Approval of Minutes, Grievance Hearing Procedures, Closed Session, Other Business*

Thursday, December 1 at 7:30 pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD**, *On the Agenda: Maglev Update, Invasive Plant Pilot Report, Urgent Trail Action Items, Master Trail Plan Overview, Adding Motiva Outparcel as a Preserve Tract in Greenbelt West*

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Ages 3-5 127503-1: Tu/Th 9 am - 12:30 pm / YC 42 mtgs: 1/13 - 6/1 (no class 4/4, 4/6) R: \$725, NR: \$850 Ages 4-5 127503-2: M/W/F 9 am - 1:30 pm / YC 59 mtgs: 1/3 - 6/2 (no class 1/16, 2/20, 4/3, 4/5, 4/7, 4/10, 5/29) R: \$1355, NR: \$1590

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
City Offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
The GREENBELT CONNECTION will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE
Week of November 21
Monday Route – Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule
Tuesday Route - Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule
Wednesday Route – Refuse & Recycling Regular Schedule
Thursday Route – Refuse collected on Wednesday; No Recycling Collection

There will be no appliance/metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, November 25

2022 GOBBLE WOBBLE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24 AT 9 AM AT THE GREENBELT YOUTH CENTER

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Local Food Pantries Rise To Meet Increased Need

by Stacy Hindalong



PHOTO BY MARY ANN TRETTLER

Cub Scouts Levi and Adelaide Baker stand in front of some of the food recently donated to St. Hugh's pantry through Scouting for Food.

Pandemic-induced supply chain issues, unemployment and inflation have increased demand at local food pantries. Although the need has increased, our local food pantries have been able to respond and expect to continue to do so in the near future. The local pantries share a mission and experiences but distribute aid in somewhat different ways. Coordinators Mary Ann Tretler from the St. Hugh's Food Pantry and Ronke Bolutayo from The Restoration Center Food Bank shared a small part of their stories this past week.

Increasing Needs

Both pantries reported an increase in usage and a change in demographics compared to pre-pandemic years. Both saw more immigrants and more people recently unemployed. The demographic shift at St. Hugh's also includes grandparents providing for their households. "Sometimes adult children have moved back in or grandparents became caregivers for school-aged children who were home when the schools closed," said Tretler. "And just when we thought we would get a slight reprieve, inflation hit so demand stayed high."

Meeting Demand

Both talked about increased need for donations and volunteers but both also report so far being able to respond well to the increased demand. Federal aid, distributed through the City of Greenbelt CARES program, was largely responsible for this. Elizabeth Park, director of Greenbelt CARES, said, "The city designated a total of \$350,000 of ARPA funds to provide food assistance to residents. Monies from this go to local food banks and other aid organizations."

Distribution Methods

The St. Hugh's Pantry changed the way they operated in response to Covid protocols. They moved from face-to-face distribution out of the church rectory to a pre-packaged, drive-through distribution model. Donations are now packed ahead of time, making allowances for food preferences and allergies when possible, and distributed directly to participants at their cars in the parking lot. This started as a response to the pandemic but continues as it proved to be an efficient way for distribution. The pantry still

carries only non-perishable goods but has been able to provide perishables by purchasing gift cards for local grocery stores that are included in the food package. "This has been a big benefit," said Tretler.

At The Restoration Center Food Bank, distribution is handled the same way it always has been. One patron at a time is allowed in the pantry and the donations are arranged much like a grocery store. A volunteer packs food from the shelf based on patron choices. Contact between the volunteer, the food and the patron is minimized. The only changes due to Covid were mask requirements and hand sanitizer available for patrons and volunteers. The center is able to provide perishables because they have refrigerators and freezers they are able to use to store them. "We try to always have a source of protein," says Bolutayo. "Sometimes we have fish, chicken, ground beef and eggs." The center also distributes masks, disinfecting wipes, feminine hygiene supplies and diapers.

Deep Connections

In spite of the differences in procedures, both coordinators spoke of a deep connection to their patrons and communities. Both told stories of getting to know the families and establishing long-lasting relationships. Some patrons return as donors and others bring gifts to the volunteers. A lot in the world has changed, but the need for human connection, as well as food, remains a foundational requirement.

A Buy-one Give-one Model: Meals Feed Hungry Neighbors

by Rebecca Redeker

During the height of the pandemic the College Park United Methodist Church developed a community meals program that now serves chef-prepared meals to the larger area on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for affordable prices or no cost at all. The program began in January 2021, inspired by restaurants that had begun to provide free meals to their communities. Nationwide, unemployment rates were increasing and accessible food was a prominent need.

Greenbelt resident Amy Caruso, the outreach director for the church, explained to the News Review, "The restaurant community meals program for the neighborhood was only one day a week and I thought, well if we can provide one meal a week through this restaurant program, what if [the church] tried to provide meals another day, and we cooked out of our commercial kitchen?" What she likes most about the area is "the way people care about each other," and she enjoys being able to witness and contribute to a caring community.

Caruso now directs the community meals program and currently oversees the kitchen, the volunteers and the distribution of the food. Community members are invited to order a meal for \$12, which also enables the church to donate a similar meal to a neighbor who can't afford to pay that day. She told the News Review that on an average week they make about 200 meals. Community members usually purchase between 70 and 100 meals, and because people donate additional amounts they are able to provide 100 meals or more to people unable to pay.

Kitchen manager Helen Catalan is also a Greenbelt resident. She has been living here for a year now and enjoys contributing to a good cause through her work in the kitchen. "I only used to make food at home and now I make a big quantity here at the church," said Catalan, who cooks the roughly 100 meals on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

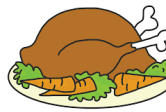
The program has served a variety of dishes, which change each time. Tuesday's meal tends to be Latin American or New American, while Thursday is always Afghan cuisine as there is a large Afghan presence picking up meals that day. "In the Afghan dishes, mint is frequently used," Caruso explained as she showed off the church's garden where members themselves have grown the mint, along with other herbs



Salva Holloman prepares stickers to package meals for the community meals program.



- Photos by Amy Caruso



Helen Catalan, the chef at College Park United Methodist Church, makes dough for cannolis.

and vegetables.

The community meals are provided on a sign-up basis at umccollegepark.org/community-meals.html. Reservations for meals close at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and pickup is from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. that same day. To pick up food,

one drives into the parking lot and food is carried out to the vehicles.

The College Park Methodist Church is located at 9601 Rhode Island Ave.

Rebecca Redeker is a University of Maryland journalism student writing for the News Review.

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PISCATAWAY continued from page 1

It is not difficult to suggest that they may have hunted for bear, deer, elk, wolves, beavers, squirrels, partridges and wild turkeys in this area. In fact, there was a wild turkey roaming around Buddy Attick Park very recently. According to the Greenbelt Park website, the lands in our area were deforested by colonial settlers and did not begin to regrow forests until the 1900s. This area may have had villages that were negotiated away through a treaty.

Early Culture

The Piscataway relied on agriculture and lived in permanent villages. The men used bows and arrows for hunting and the women planted varieties of maize, beans, melons, pumpkins, squash and (ceremonial) tobacco, and made pottery and wove baskets. Women artisans made beaded jewelry. The men made dugout canoes and harvested oysters and crabs. They lived in communal houses – oval wigwams consisting of poles covered with mats or bark and animal skins or pelts. Piscataway villages included Mayonce, Accotick, Accokeek, Potapaco, Sacayo, Zikial and Wicomicons. Indigenous people did not believe in land ownership. Mother Earth was to be shared and sustained. One did not take what was not needed and one was required to replenish the land used. Their philosophy was maintaining a balanced ecosystem so both humans and animals could equally thrive.

Conflicts and Treaties

The Piscataway tribes first made contact with Europeans in 1608 through encounters with John Smith and William Claiborne. In 1634, large numbers of European colonialists began to settle in earnest when the ships the Ark and the Dove arrived in Maryland carrying Leonard Calvert and Jesuit priest Andrew White. The tribe was friendly to the early settlers and helped them to adjust to the new lands.

However, by 1660, colonialists began to encroach on indigenous lands and expanded into their territory, which changed the dynamic of the early relationships, and conflicts emerged. There was bound to be a conflict between the land-owning and commercial agricultural beliefs of the Europeans and the indigenous peoples of the Americas.

In 1666, Lord Baltimore signed the first of a series of treaties to acquire lands from the Piscataway. These treaties were always broken. When the Piscataway were finally pushed off their lands, they were given the title of Piscataway Conoy by the Confederacy members. They briefly settled in various areas but because of intertribal fighting and European encroachment some kept traveling all the way to Canada. Some branches of the Piscataway tribe may have become extinct as a result of intertribal fighting and infections from European diseases.

Current Tribal Status

There are still descendants of the Piscataway living on original land in St. Mary’s County, and in 2012 they were officially recognized by the State of Maryland. However, they have not yet been recognized by the Federal government.

In 2016, the Piscataway convened a conference with community partners and tribal members



The Piscataway Indian Nation and the Piscataway Conoy Tribe were recognized by Governor Martin O'Malley in 2012.



Francis Gray, tribal chair of the Piscataway Conoy Tribe

to develop a master plan for the future of their community and to educate the public about their history, culture and contributions to Maryland and the United States. The following is from the opening remarks of Francis Gray, tribal chair of the Piscataway Conoy Tribe, at the inaugural meeting of the Through Piscataway Eyes Partners on May 6, 2016:

“Though we the Piscataway People are excited about this opportunity, we have grown weary of the general public’s surprising lack of knowledge about who we were and who we are. Now, we have an opportunity to change that state of affairs – to tell our story through the eyes of the Piscataway and not from another’s opinion of us – to interface with the archaeology communities as well as other sciences of the world – to speak of our ways, life, purpose and tribal structure that forged the alliance of the different communities of the Piscataway People – to go back in time and speak on different time lines, cycles and events that permit us the Piscataway People to be here today at this forum – to again let it be known, ‘WE ARE STILL HERE!’”

Land Acknowledgement

The Piscataway people are still here, and the following is a land acknowledgement from the University of Maryland:

“Every community owes its existence and strength to the generations before them, around the world, who contributed their hopes, dreams and energy into making the history that led to this moment. Truth and acknowledgement are critical in building mutual respect and connections across all barriers of heritage and difference. So, we acknowledge the truth that is often buried: We are on the ancestral lands of the Piscataway People, who are the ancestral stewards of this sacred land. It is their historical responsibility to advocate for the four-legged, the winged, those that crawl and those that swim. They remind us that clean air and pristine waterways are essential to all life.

“This Land Acknowledgement is a vocal reminder for each of us as two-leggeds to ensure our physical environment is in better condition than what we inherited, for the health and prosperity of future generations.”

There is much more for Marylanders to learn about the state’s aboriginal people, and perhaps to further that knowledge by visiting their sites in St. Mary’s County. One thing is clear: descendants of the Piscataway are still here and will remain here, so let us hope that we can greet one another as “netoppew” – “friend” in the Algonquin language.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

No Market on Sunday Nov. 27

Mark Your Calendar for the Holiday Market on December 4!

GreenbeltFarmersMarket.org

A No-Compete Thanksgiving Rumpus Makes a Giant Mess

by Granny Z

Long ago, our family went to the no-compete Thanksgiving model as the three daughters got married and had their own families – now totaling 14 grandchildren. In the no-compete model, a family chooses an alternate day for its Thanksgiving dinner because otherwise, there’s almost no chance that all the children and grandchildren will ever be together for the holiday. Somebody’s in-laws will always pull rank or resort to emotional blackmail. There’s also no requirement to serve turkey.

Why No-Compete?

This decision was forced on the family over a decade ago when the grandkids outed their parents who had regrettably tried a ‘staggered’ and undercover approach to Thanksgiving obligations. “Why,” said an aggrieved grandchild, “must we eat turkey twice in the same day. My tummy hurts.” The family had eaten dinner at noon at Granny X’s house and then shown up for a second dinner at Granny Z’s at 5 p.m. to placate her. Granny Z was unplaced, however, having just spent hours making a dinner nobody wanted to eat. It just didn’t seem like a good idea.

Activities for All Ages

Over the years, other traditions have grown up around family events like this – mostly instigated by daughter Jenny, also considered the best ever “Aint” due to an untamed streak of wildness. Jenny devises moderately inappropriate activities to keep the kids amused. There was, for example, the T-shirt-painting extravaganza, where permanent and still-wet fabric paint decorated

the upholstery of her siblings’ vehicles. That was a one-shot deal.

She has also spearheaded Indian head-dress making with feathers (successful but children don’t stay 5 years old forever). Her proposed archery tournament with real arrows was nixed by Granny Z – Aint Jenny has not yet forgiven them for that excess of caution. But after one child managed to impale herself on the branch of a bush and had to go the ER, to purposely introduce sharp flying objects seemed like asking for trouble. A similar recent proposal involving axe-throwing was also nixed.

Traditions

Two traditions have stuck. Literally. One is a gingerbread-house-building competition which involves a lot of candy, only partly used for roofing. The other is an armory of blowguns made from plastic pipe from which mini-marshmallows are shot.

The gingerbread houses are a very civilized activity. If sticky. But the blow pipes are inspiringly awful and remain the most popular event. They are highly effective at short range, very sticky and keep teenagers amused and off their phones for considerable periods. Loose alliances are formed and then treacherously broken. The deck becomes a fort fiercely defended and a log stack a palisade to be stormed.

The most recent no-compete battle involved several large grandchildren and their friends. They ranged in age from 16 to 21 and all are over six feet tall. One of the friends is in the U.S.

See THANKSGIVING, page 12



Caution: Gingerbread houses under construction

Happy Thanksgiving

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Utopia Festival Brings Films, Filmmakers from Near & Far

by Gloria Walters-Flowers

If you ever wondered what attending an international film festival might be like, you didn't have to travel far this frigid weekend. Right here in historic Greenbelt, in our very own New Deal-era utopia, filmmakers and filmgoers converged for the 18th annual Utopia Film Festival to view and discuss ideas both simple and lofty. In line with the Festival's mission of "seeking to build a better world through film," 34 films and shorts from 17 different countries, including some films by local filmmakers, were presented. Audience members were treated to high-quality, often emotionally stirring cinema that wove hope into some of the dilemmas of our time.

Q&A Sessions

The intimate setting provided an excellent opportunity for engaging in a Q&A with passionate filmmakers. They gave insight into their creative process and provided interesting background information and commentary on many of the people featured in the films. Filmmakers were genuinely interested in getting to know the other contributors and were willing to chat with festivalgoers. In doing so, they gifted the viewers with brief glimpses into utopian possibilities. Below are some of the discussions that came out of the Q&A sessions.

A Sample of Films

Filmmaker Brian C. Campbell presented *Her Name Was Hester*. This documentary feature takes the viewer on Stacie Marshall's journey of returning home to her family farm in Georgia, discovering that her ancestors once enslaved people, working with her African American neighbors and uncovering the story of Hester, one of the enslaved. This film shows the bravery it takes to approach the complex topics of race relations and reparations. More importantly, through simple conversation, understanding and healing can begin. With a bud-



PHOTO BY GLORIA WALTERS-FLOWERS

The festival audience prepares to watch a screening.

get of only \$7,000, made up of grants, Campbell weaves together a multi-faceted story that gently touches on patriarchal farm systems, respectful interracial friendships, political climates and the hidden stories of people of color who once lived on the land and their descendants that remain. The six-year project delighted the audience and clearly showed the love and passion he infused into the film.

One of the local projects presented was *Trees: The Lungs of Our Community*, a short film highlighting the loss of the local tree canopy in nearby Hyattsville. While housing is essential, the film demonstrated the tragedy of cutting down trees to raise towers.

Kharkiv, Ukraine, *My Beautiful Suffering City*, presented by Greenbelter Frank Gervasi and Mariya Tsybulnyk, is the touching story of Ukrainian refugee Tsybulnyk, who found safety in our Greenbelt community earlier this year. The film brings the reality and emotional cost of the Russia/Ukraine conflict to our doorstep.

All-Volunteer

The Utopia Film Festival is the all-volunteer project of the nonprofit Greenbelt Access Television. Festival Executive Director Chris Haley called for additional volunteers stating, "We enjoy bringing this festival to you, but can always use more help in screening. If that's not your interest, we can always find something for you to do."

Utopia Film Festival

And the Winner Is ... Vision Award Goes to State of Unity

by Gloria Walters-Flowers

What happens when you mix old with new? You get a sense of renewal and hope. The Old Greenbelt Theatre, New Deal Café and the Greenbelt City Council Chambers were brimming with high energy this past weekend. The 18th Annual Utopia Film Festival brought documentaries, feature films, shorts and animation for audience members to feast on. The event shared great independent work that explored cultural, environmental, political and social issues. The films presented no immediate answers but led filmgoers through an open door of intrigue, hope, resilience and possibilities. And it would be Nathaniel Paul Hoff and Jillian Speece who would lead the way and shine the brightest.

The Utopia Film Festival Vision Award for "the best work in any category which reflects the value of cinema to help create a better world" went to *State of Unity* by Hoff and Speece. The filmmakers tackle whether unity is possible with an old car, a permanent marker, a few original songs and a few hundred bucks. As the musical husband and wife duo set out to find the answer, they face challenges along the way, including sleeping in the car, spiders and theft. They also discover a newfound harmony that only comes from leaning into the challenges faced, supporting each other and never giving up. Along their eight-month,

50,000-mile journey they hit all 50 states, make great connections, meet new people and spread their message of unity.

With more than 300,000 miles logged, the aged Volvo proved a worthy costar. Adorned with its simple yet powerful words of love and unity, it made its way across lines of divisions seen and unseen, celebrating commonality and hearts. Auctioned off to benefit the Beacon Children's Hospital in the filmmakers' hometown of South Bend, Ind., it will continue to provide good vibes.

When you speak to this humble, young couple, what comes across is the genuine desire to make a difference in this world. Also evident is the love shared between these high school sweethearts. Their music and film openly display their love, passion and grit. Utopia was their 27th film festival. The 11-time award-winning film will likely be picked up for distribution based on audience acceptance and buy-in. Gifted storytellers, check out their melodic tunes on streaming services under their band The Bergamot.

Greenbelt Listings



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Local Artists Bring Fused Glass, Illustration to Sparkle Mart

By Leah Cohen



Illustrator Amanda Spaid poses with her winning artwork at the Labor Day Festival.

Long-time Greenbelt resident and glass artist Tina Van Pelt will be at the annual Juried Art and Craft Fair, newly named Sparkle Mart, on Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4 at the Greenbelt Community Center. Greenbelt newcomer and illustrator Amanda Spaid will also be participating. Spaid and Van Pelt will be among more than 70 vendors taking part in Sparkle Mart. Both artists are also Greenbelt Recreation arts instructors.

Van Pelt is returning to the Art and Craft Fair with her fused glass jewelry, ornaments and bowls. This year, she is excited to bring a new focus on wall art to the market. Fused glass is the art of melting specially purposed colored glass into art pieces, and can also incorporate bits of shiny metals.

This fall, Van Pelt’s weekend workshops in fused glass jewelry and fused glass ornaments were well-attended by both new and returning students. Coming this winter, Van Pelt will be teaching a jewelry workshop in which students may make pendants or a pair of earrings. Unlike other forms of glass arts, fused glass is suitable for both adults and older children. See the Winter Activity Guide for more details; the guide will be posted soon at www.greenbeltnmd.gov/recreation.

Spaid’s work may ring a

bell for those who attended the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Art Show this year. Spaid captured several prize ribbons for her colorful and idiosyncratic illustrations of birds, and will be selling prints of her illustrations, as well as original artwork, at Sparkle Mart. She works in both traditional and digital illustration, and lives in walking distance to the Community Center with her husband and a lively toddler.

Spaid is teaching a watercolor class this fall, to rave reviews from her students. On Thursday evenings during winter session, she will be teaching a new class that combines watercolor with drawing techniques. More information about classes with Van Pelt, Spaid and other Greenbelt artists who will be selling their locally made wares will be in the Greenbelt Recreation Winter Activity Guide. Registration for classes begins Monday, November 28th for Greenbelt residents and Monday, December 5th for non-residents.

For more information about Greenbelt Recreation arts programs, visit www.greenbeltnmd.gov/arts. Follow [greenbeltrecreationarts](#) on Facebook and Instagram, and [@arts greenbelt](#) on Twitter. City of Greenbelt arts programs are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

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Venturing Crew 746 Prepares Winter Wonderland of 2022

by Ilona Horchler

Boy Scouts of America Venturing Crew 746 members and helpful family members started clearing the trail behind Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church last weekend to prepare for Greenbelt’s second annual Winter Wonderland on Saturday, December 10 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Last year, over 200 people came to the event, which includes live music and singing, twinkling lights, a magical guided walk through the woods and winter-decorated booths by local Greenbelt community organizations. Santa and the Greenbelt Fire Department’s antique fire truck will be there, weather permitting. There will be fire pits and hot chocolate available for participants to warm themselves after the walk. The planning and preparation for the event have been done by Venturing Crew members with adult advisors helping. Proceeds from this event will be used to support outdoor adventures and leadership opportunities for Crew members. Donations are recommended.

Venturing is an inclusive program through the Boy Scouts for males and females aged 14 to 21 (or 13 and completed eighth



PHOTO BY LIZ MURRAY

Christian Horchler, left, and Gabrielle Horchler help prepare the trail for the Winter Wonderland.

grade). For more information about the Winter Wonderland or about joining the Crew, email venturecrew746@gmail.com. Local businesses who are interested in being a sponsor should email youth coordinator Christian at christianbrhorchler@gmail.com

and adult coordinator Ilona at ilona.horchler@gmail.com. The event flyer and more information about Venture Crew can be found at venturecrew746.org.



GHI Search Group Begins Work

The GHI Board of Directors appointed a Transition and Search Committee to assist the board in hiring a new general manager by deciding on desired candidate attributes and identifying candidates. The committee consists of co-chairs Tom Adams and Heather Mortimer, staff liaison Everett Hitchner and at-large members Michael Campbell, Stephen Holland, Ed James, Denna Lambert, Debbie McKinley and Joe Ralbovsky. An outside consultant will assist the committee, which is currently developing a position profile. Committee meetings are held on Zoom and will be posted on the GHI calendar. All GHI members are welcome and encouraged to attend.




PHOTO BY KATHRYN BEARD

A pileated woodpecker perches in a tree by the Lake.



PHOTO BY TINA VAN PELT

Fused glass wall art by Tina Van Pelt



PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Meetings of the GHI Board of Directors on December 1, 2022

GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 p.m. – closed to members and visitors

- a) Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on October 20, 2022
- b) Member Financial Matters
- c) Consider Approval of the Following Contracts:
 - Change Order to Contract for 2022 Parking Lot Repairs
 - Change Order to Contract for Roof and Gutter Repairs Due to July 12, 2022 Storm
 - 2023-2025 Custodial Cleaning Contract for the Administration Building
 - 2023-2025 Pest Control Contract

GHI Open Meeting – starts at 7:45 p.m. – open to visitors and members

- a) Statement of a Closed Meeting of the Board of Directors Held on November 17, 2022
- b) Statement of a Closed Meeting of the Board of Directors Held on December 1, 2022
- c) Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on October 20, 2022
- d) Update from USI re: Proposal Being Formulated for 2023 Property and Business Owner's Insurance Coverage
- e) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on December 15, 2022

Members and visitors who wish to attend the Open meeting must register in advance via the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUocOuhqDorHd37OmWTjiftAYZplXm0Qwzd%C2%A0>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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that Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) units would not be eligible for this program. Councilmember Kristen Weaver will investigate whether condominiums would be eligible. Councilmember Judith Davis asked Sandlin to see if loans can be made to GHI homes through the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked Sandlin if there were limitations to the size of the house that could be purchased. Sandlin replied that no explicit limitations existed but given the HUD guidelines and debt ratio, house size will be compatible with the purchaser. Sandlin also noted that assistance would be available for applicants taking the required classes. Council approved this program unanimously and the city will look for a similar program for GHI.

Scholarship Program

The city will establish the Greenbelt Scholarship Program to award up to \$10,000 to eligible students to be paid directly to the educational institution, covering expenses for up to two school years. The primary goal of the scholarship is to provide assistance and an opportunity for students interested in education beyond high school but due to financial hardships are not in the position to seek out continued education opportunities.

Applicants must have resided in Greenbelt for a minimum of one year and demonstrate they are planning to pursue post-secondary education or a vocational training program. They may have been accepted or be currently enrolled in a post-secondary school or vocational training program. Questions regarding the program can be submitted to the city at scholarship@greenbeltmd.gov.

Discussion

Mayor Emmett Jordan liked the program but wondered if the focus had to be exclusively on youth. Councilmember Colin Byrd and Liz Park, director of CARES, responded that the program could be modified. Park noted that workforce development funds are available in ARPA and have been included in the economic development plans. George did not consider older persons with this program initially but agreed with Park that there are other ARPA funds available to older persons. Jordan responded that he preferred those ARPA funds to remain with economic and business development programs.

To a question by Davis on the impact of the pandemic, Sandlin noted that pandemic impact is established by income level and census data. Davis suggested adding a question to the application that asked directly about pandemic impact. Davis also mentioned sending notices to Bowie State, community colleges, vocational schools and the trade unions that run vocational schools, and Eleanor Roosevelt High School guidance counselors. Roberts noted that he considered the program description to be discriminatory. Roberts said that the word “youth” should be removed from this program. Council approved the Scholarship Grant Program with six ayes and one nay (Roberts objected to focus on youth).

Healthcare Vouchers

The city will be working with CCI Health Services which has provided care to over 3,600

Greenbelt residents this year in two locations in the city (Greenway Center and Springhill Lane in Franklin Park). The principal target population will be uninsured or under-insured children and adults who are not eligible for other programs, live in a Qualified Census Tract or live below the Federal Poverty Level. Income-based copays start at \$35 for a medical appointment (all-around medical services and lab tests are included in this rate), \$25 for behavioral health and \$45 for dental (including preventive procedures, routine exams, cleaning x-rays and sealants). There will be no restrictions on the number of visits a resident can have.

For more information contact Sandlin on the city website, greenbeltmd.gov.

Discussion

Roberts questioned whether treatment will be mostly on-

site or referred and Sandlin said most services are on-site in the two locations. Greenbelt resident Bob Rand suggested adding Old Greenbelt Health to the providers. Jordan would like to broaden providers for other specialties not covered by CCI. Jessica Wilson, chief strategy officer from CCI, responded that CCI does have some partnerships but specialists tend not to take uninsured patients. She mentioned that CCI has bought a new building in Greenbelt and can also refer patients to its Silver Spring location for services. George said that the city would continue to investigate other providers but reporting to ARPA may become complicated. Councilmember Silke Pope would like to get started on this program and investigate other programs and providers later. Council approved the program unanimously.



PHOTO BY RACHEL CHANNON

Morning glories bloom in the allotment garden.

BARC Director Briefs Council On Master Plan and Other Issues

by Deanna Dawson

Dr. Howard Zhang, director of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC), met with the Greenbelt City Council in a stakeholder worksession on Wednesday, November 9, to brief them on BARC’s new master plan and other topics.

Before they started on the agenda, Councilmember Rodney Roberts, who was not feeling well and couldn’t stay for the meeting, alerted Zhang to some maintenance concerns with BARC’s Log Lodge, which was built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Zhang noted that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) provides about \$100k per year for maintenance or improvements of the Log Lodge, which this year will be used to renovate the restrooms. Roberts urged that the restrooms be restored to their “beautiful” original condition; Zhang replied they must, however, meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

Master Plans

Zhang said that previous master plans have made it possible for BARC to secure congressional funding for major construction or renovation projects. For example, the 1996 master plan, which is the most recent formal plan released to the public, led to funding appropriations for several new buildings, including the human nutrition buildings across Powder Mill Road from the Log Lodge.

In 2018 BARC issued an internal plan that looked at ways to consolidate the campus and proposed to concentrate work in three clusters: a west campus cluster for plant-related research, a loose cluster of buildings along and to the north of Powder Mill Road for animal research, and the animal parasitology cluster located between Edmonston and Re-

search Roads adjacent to Greenbelt for disease research. One aim was to reduce possibilities for cross-contamination among research areas by having at least one mile between clusters. The plan proposed renovation of several buildings, including Buildings 307 (completed in 2022) and 308 (scheduled for 2023 if funds are appropriated) across from the Log Lodge. Also proposed was reduction of the total building footprint by 41 percent through demolition of 117 disused buildings (see greenbeltnewsreview.com/issues/GNR20220901.pdf). BARC has over 500 buildings, of which only half are in use.

The Agricultural Research Service (ARS), the USDA agency that administers BARC, requested a new master plan, which is being prepared by a consulting firm and should be ready for public review in 2023. The plan will include an assessment of both buildings and research needs, which have changed considerably over the years. For example, plant research traditionally was field-based but now requires more labs and instrumentation, although greenhouses and field plots still are needed to verify lab results. BARC’s extensive land holdings make it possible to scale research results up to field production and to serve as a demonstration farm that farmers from across the country can visit.

Staffing

Zhang said that BARC’s staff includes world experts in all phases of agriculture, and the research they do is “cutting edge.” There are 180 Ph.D. scientist positions, of which 40 vacancies have been filled in the past two years. Support scientists and technicians are relatively easy to recruit and hire, while facilities and maintenance positions

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Incidents reported here occurred November 14 to 20. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Call the non-emergency number at 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltnmd.gov. Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported.

Assaults

On November 16 at 4:09 p.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a juvenile was physically attacked by four other juveniles. The injuries were not life threatening, and the juvenile was taken to a local hospital.

On November 16 at 4:52 p.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, officers found an injured man who stated he had been in a fight. The injuries were not life threatening, and he was taken to a local hospital.

On November 17 at 12:23 a.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Lane, four victims reported that a man approached them and pulled a black gun from his waistband. Officers arrived and located the suspect and a black BB gun. The suspect, a 22-year-old man, was arrested and transported to the Department of Corrections.

On November 17 around 7:07 p.m., officers responded to the 7900 block of Good Luck Road for the report of a cutting. An employee stated he chased a thief out of the business and was cut with a sharp object, causing minor injuries. He was treated on the scene by EMS personnel and refused transport. The suspect was described as a dark-skinned man in his mid-30s, 5’7”, with a full beard, wearing a black vest, gray sweater and black pants, last seen running away from the business toward Cipriano Road. Officers searched the area but did not locate the suspect.

Fire

On November 19 at 2:05 p.m., officers assisted Prince George’s County Fire/EMS Department in responding to a fire at the playground in the 6200 block of Springhill Drive. No injuries have been reported. The cause of the fire is under investigation by PGFD. Anyone with information on how this fire began, or who noticed any suspicious activity in the area, contact Prince George’s County Crime Stoppers at pccrimesolvers.com.

Controlled Substances

On November 19 at 4:31 p.m. near Hillside Road, officers located two juveniles in possession of controlled substances.

On November 20 at 4:25 a.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, a man was arrested after officers located a handgun, controlled substances and drug paraphernalia.

Disorderly

On November 18 at 7:04 p.m. near 100 Centerway, a man caused a disturbance inside a business, refused to leave and damaged property. He was charged with disorderly conduct, malicious destruction and trespassing, and taken to the Department of Corrections.

DUI Arrests

November 19, 11:48 p.m. near Kenilworth Avenue and Ivy Lane; November 19, 11:11 p.m. near Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway.

Fraud

On November 14 near 9100 Edmonston Court, social media fraud. On November 14 near Parkway, credit card fraud. On November 18 near 5300 Smiths Cove Lane, gift card fraud.

Theft

On November 14 at 3:39 p.m. near Gardenway, personal prop-

erty was taken from a garage; no signs of forced entry. On November 16 at 6:45 p.m. near 9100 Springhill Lane, package theft.

On November 18 at 3:59 p.m. near 7400 Greenbelt Road, a gym locker was broken into and personal property stolen.

Commercial Theft

On November 16 at 8:36 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, commercial theft suspects were banned from a business. Commercial thefts also occurred November 17 at 2:52 p.m. near 7500 Greenway Center Drive and November 20 at 4:40 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road.

Vandalism

November 18 at 12:08 a.m. near 9100 Springhill Lane, glass porch door shattered. November 18 at 6:27 p.m. near 7900 Mandan Road, residence window damaged.

Vehicle Crimes

Theft from Auto

Car windows were broken and personal property stolen on November 14 near 9100 Edmonston Road; November 15 near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, 9100 Springhill Court and 6200 Breezewood Drive; November 16 near 6200 Springhill Court; and November 19 near 6100 Breezewood Court. On November 14 near 7800 Walker Drive, a car window was broken but nothing taken. On November 16 near 5900 Cherrywood Lane, two cars had windows broken. On November 18 near 9100 Edmonston Court, personal property was stolen from an unlocked vehicle.

All four tires and rims were stolen on November 14 from a 2022 Toyota Corolla near 6300 Golden Triangle Drive and a 2022 Honda Accord near 7000

Megan Lane; on November 19 from a 2023 Camry near 6400 Cherrywood Lane.

Steering wheel airbags were stolen on November 17 near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace from 2015 and 2016 Honda Accords, and near 2900 Breezewood Drive from a 2018 Acura TSX.

On November 15 near 7500 Greenbelt Road, a disability placard was stolen. On November 16 near 6100 Breezewood Court, a rear tag was stolen. On November 18 at 2:18 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, stolen tags were located on a vehicle parked at a business and the car was impounded.

Vehicles Found

On November 17 at 5:19 a.m. near 7500 Mandan Road, a stolen vehicle from North Carolina was located. On November 17 at 1:49 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a woman tracked her stolen vehicle by use of an app to Greenbelt. Officers found the vehicle parked at a business, and the woman confirmed her car was not damaged and was able to drive it away. On November 15 at 9:14 a.m. near 7300 Morrison Drive, a 2020 black Ford Fusion was stolen after being left running, unlocked and unattended with the keys inside the car. The victim was able to track the car by use of an app, and officers located the car parked in the 400 block of Ridge Road.

Stolen Vehicles

On November 17 at 5:59 a.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, a gray 2018 Hyundai Sonata (Md. plate: 1EY1958). On November 17 at 7:02 a.m. near 9100 Edmonston Court, a 2018 Hyundai Elantra (Md. plate: 2EY1846).

Sheriff Melvin C. High

Prince George’s County Sheriff Melvin High died unexpectedly on Thursday, November 17. High was 78 years old and had planned to retire at the end of the year after 12 years as sheriff.

“His 53 years of dedicated service to our community and law enforcement is immeasurable,” said a statement from Prince George’s County Police Department. “His presence will surely be missed by all.”

Col. Darrin Palmer has been sworn in as interim sheriff until recently elected Lt. Col. John D.B. Carr begins his term.



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Sheriff Melvin High

High leaves behind his wife Brenda, his daughter Tracy and his grandson Christian.

Before and after controlling invasive plants along Greenbelt Lake



On November 19, it took two hours to remove English ivy, winter-creeper vine and oriental bitter-sweet from four trees.



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Army – so he was pretty hard to beat at dodging and weaving while firing weapons.

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Our military specialist, however, brought a dubious innovation to the game. Instead of placing marshmallows in the barrel one at a time, he put several in his mouth at once – spitting them in rapid succession into the barrel and propelling them into flight with a solid puff. Although this may not be standard military practice, the concept took rapid root in the trenches and in no time, automatic weaponry was in play.

Sticky but Worth It

It was a lot of fun and Granny Z is a better shot than most expect (which only goes to show how little people know about their grandparents). But even though (after the first catastrophic battle several years ago) the fights are

required to be outside, the marshmallows (especially as they now get slimy in people’s mouths) attach themselves to feet and get tracked all over.

Still, it was worth having to wash the house and garage floors three times because so much fun was had by all.

So, consider the no-compete Thanksgiving dinner solution if your family has gone forth and multiplied. And apply to the News Review for information on do-it-yourself mini-marshmallow guns.

Granny Z aka Cathie Meetre



Army guy Matt loads his magazine with mini-marshmallows, his weapon casually in hand.

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Try Winter Sowing to Save Big on Plants for Pollinators

by Susan Cahill

Want a super-cheap way to create plants over the winter that are ready to put in the ground by spring with little effort on your part? A method that doesn’t require a greenhouse or fancy equipment, and in which you leave the seedlings outdoors all winter, so you don’t have to haul them in and out of the house or shed? And that up-cycles some plastic? Try winter sowing.

Winter-sow flowers, herbs or veggies, for example, or, better yet, plants that are native to our region, to make a pretty pollinator garden. With habitats in this area being destroyed by development, regionally native plants can help provide the specific resources birds, butterflies and bees have evolved to depend on. For example, some butterflies and bees will lay their eggs on only one or a few types of native plant. When those plants disappear, the insects also are at risk of disappearing – and some of them are essential pollinators for the edible crops.

Here’s a cursory look at how to winter-sow, starting any time after December 21 up through February or, for warmth-loving plants, as late as March or April. The excellent video cited at the end of this article gives a much more thorough explanation and some great tips.

Poke six drainage holes in the bottom of an empty milk jug,

then cut it across the middle, leaving the bottom half at least four inches high. Fill the bottom half with moistened (not soggy) seed-starting mix that doesn’t contain weed suppressants or substances added for moisture retention. Plant seeds, ignoring instructions on the seed packet, except the ones about how deeply to plant the seeds.

Tape the top half of the jug back onto the bottom half, leaving the cap off (permanently); then put the labeled jugs outside, in an area that gets part sun and part shade. Rain and snow will come in through the hole at the top, and condensation will form. The jugs now serve as mini-greenhouses that provide the cold, but protected, conditions many seeds need in order to sprout.

Leave them outside over the winter, checking once in a while to make sure the seed-starter mix isn’t getting too wet or dry. If too

wet, take the top half of the jug off for a few dry days. If too dry, spray so the seed-starting mix is moist, but not soaked.

In spring, it’s time to transfer the plants out of the jugs and into the ground or to pots. Transfer most of the native plants and cool-season veggies when they’re two or three inches tall, but wait until after the last spring frost to transfer tender annuals or heat-loving native plants and veggies. In either case, before transferring the plant, leave the top half of the jug off for a few days, so the plant gets used to being out in the open.

To see exactly how it’s done, search YouTube for a video of the webinar called Winter Sowing: Growing Your Own Natives for Birds & Beauty, by master gardener/master naturalist Molly Moore, president of the Southern Maryland Audubon Society.



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A yellow tiger swallowtail on purple swamp milkweed

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have been difficult to fill because BARC salaries are not competitive, Zhang noted.

Before Covid about 900 people worked on the BARC campus: roughly 600 permanent staff and 300 contractors or collaborators (students, post-doctoral researchers, visiting scientists). Covid closed the doors to visiting scientists from other countries, but that is starting to pick up again.

BARC collaborates regularly with several area universities including University of the District of Columbia, Howard University, Bowie State University and University of Maryland, both the College Park and Eastern Shore campuses.

Research Focus

Resident Lore Rosenthal asked if BARC research is on the cutting edge of traditional agriculture (that is, factory farms and crop monocultures), or if it has evolved to address more sustainable and biodiverse methods. Zhang acknowledged that the focus over the years was on maximizing agricultural production, but said there now is research related to regenerative agricultural practices and climate change.

Resident Vijay Parameshwaran asked if BARC is doing research related to food security, noting that climate change affects agricultural production and international conflicts, such as the war in Ukraine, can affect global food supplies. Zhang said that agriculture also can be a significant contributor to climate change and that BARC is making efforts to reduce its agricultural emissions and doing research to make plants and animals more resilient to higher temperatures and severe weather.

Funding

Zhang said that after several years with relatively flat funding levels, BARC recently has seen a “healthy” increase in funding for research and cost-of-living adjustments to employee salaries.

Funding for maintenance comes in multiple ways, Zhang explained, including as a portion of the indirect costs assessed on research projects. Major renovations to buildings are funded via special congressional appropriations, and ARS has provided funds for upgrades to the wastewater treatment plants and other facilities.

Environmental Issues

Zhang added that USDA has provided funding for cleanup of Superfund sites on BARC. Mayor Emmett Jordan asked about progress on remediation of these contaminated sites. Zhang estimated it is now 50 to 60 percent complete, with sites with the most significant impacts addressed first.

There are two basic approaches: remove the contaminated soil or surround the site with a trench lined with an absorptive material, which is then removed or replaced as it absorbs contaminants.

Zhang said there are two wastewater treatment plants on BARC. The West Plant discharges to the Little Paint Branch; the East Plant, on Beaverdam Road (and of more concern to Greenbelt), discharges to a seasonal tributary of Beaverdam Creek. Discharge from the East Plant meets the Maryland Department of the Environment’s (MDE) water quality standards except for copper, but MDE has set that standard higher than for most

Land acquired for the Greenbelt Project greatly expanded the land mass of the National Agricultural Research Center (now BARC) in the 1930s. The Resettlement Administration viewed the large tract of undeveloped land adjacent to the center, and close to Washington, as an ideal location for the new town. Of the more than 12,000 acres that was purchased for the project, over 7,000 acres were transferred to the center, some of which became the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center (now the Patuxent Research Refuge).

Source: Summary Description of the Greenbelt Project at Greenbelt, Prince George’s County, Maryland, February 1938, unpublished report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Security Administration, Division of Suburban Resettlement.

public drinking water supplies because there may not be sufficient stream flow to dilute it.

BEP Facility

The 104-acre site for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) facility that will be built on BARC has been transferred to the Treasury Department. Zhang said that BEP plans to recover within the facility any trace minerals, etc., used in the money-making process so they won’t be discharged.

He added that BEP has approached WSSC about connecting to their system so wastewater wouldn’t be discharged to BARC’s East Plant. He did not know if that will be possible, but noted that BARC may eventually go that route, too.

BEP will be responsible for demolition of the 22 buildings on the site, which thus are no longer considered part of BARC’s footprint. BEP also is paying for a new poultry quarantine facility, in the former barn on the south side of Powder Mill Road near the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (Zhang quipped that it has a chicken wing and a turkey wing). BEP will also likely pay or contribute funds for the proposed widening of Edmonston Road as part of their plan to improve roadway access to the new facility.

Maglev

Zhang is concerned about the damage the proposed Maglev train would do to BARC. He said that transfer of BARC land to a private entity for a nonagricultural use requires congressional approval. Transfer of BARC land to other federal agencies has been done several times over the years, for example for Goddard Space Flight Center, the Secret Service training center and the U.S. District Courthouse.

Other Issues

Jordan raised concerns about the limited visibility along parts of Beaverdam Road and the dangers it poses to pedestrians and cyclists. He asked if BARC has considered limiting public vehicle use of the road. Zhang said that has not been discussed but acknowledged the issues raised.

In closing, Zhang invited council to the ribbon-cutting and dedication of the newly-renovated Building 307 on Monday, December 5, offering Jordan a place on the program for remarks.

Council Hears Presentation On Plastic Bag Proliferation

by Deb Daniel

On October 11, Martha Ainsworth, with the Prince George’s County Sierra Club, gave a presentation to the Greenbelt City Council on banning and reducing single-use plastic bags. The presentation highlighted the problems involved in disposing of single-use plastic bags and suggested steps to curtail the use of these bags in Greenbelt.

Plastic Problem

Ainsworth set the scene by describing how plastics and microplastics (which are plastic breakdown products) are polluting our waters, air and land. Using the national average of one plastic bag per day for every American, Greenbelt alone consumes nine million bags annually. The Sierra Club has observed shoppers from Greenbelt’s three groceries and found 74 percent of shoppers leave with plastic bags. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, fewer than 5 percent of plastic bags are recycled because the bags jam the machinery or are too dirty to reuse.

Existing Bans

Three ways to restrict single-use plastic bags, as described in Ainsworth’s presentation, are:

- 1) Disposable bag charges/taxes: Require that stores charge for carryout bags or tax carryout bags (revenue shared between stores and county), as in Howard and Montgomery counties.
- 2) Plastic bag bans: Ban single-use plastic carryout bags, as in Chestertown, Takoma Park and Westminster.
- 3) Hybrid plastic bag ban with a charge or tax on other bags – ban single-use plastic carryout bags and require that stores charge a minimum amount (e.g., 10 cents) for other carryout bags (or tax other carryout bags), as in Baltimore and Easton.

Ainsworth noted that the Sierra Club has gathered the following statistics:

In Westminster, plastic bag usage went from 85.7 percent to 6 percent after a ban.

In Baltimore after a hybrid

ban, plastic bag usage went from 80.8 percent to 1.7 percent.

In Prince George’s County at Aldi and Lidl groceries, with a policy of “No plastic carryout bags, 8-10¢ charge on paper, more for other bags,” disposable bag usage is 5.9 percent (no bag is 46.1 percent and reusable bag is 48 percent). (Editor’s Note: Both Aldi and Lidl grocery chains are headquartered in Germany, where such bags are now outlawed. Stores using them can be fined up to ~\$120K).

Lessons Learned

According to Ainsworth, the following tenets appear to be significant in a successful approach to reducing the use of plastic bags:

- Successful plastic bag ordinances are passed from the bottom up.
- A charge for other bags is an incentive to reuse. Without a fee on other bags, stores will provide single-use paper bags, which cost more and have a big upstream environmental impact.
- Do not use a thickness standard for banning plastic bags. It is an invitation to stores to provide thicker film plastic bags.
- Do not exempt “compostable” or “biodegradable” carryout bags. They are single-use and do not break down in the environment.
- Apply the bill to all retailers and restaurants and to all shoppers.

Greenbelt Ban Feasible

Ainsworth noted that Greenbelt has the power to adopt a hybrid bill and cited the supporting opinions and code sections that support that point of view.

For example, in an Advisory dated August 11, 2022 Assistant Attorney General Shaunee L. Harrison stated, “... It is my view that ... municipalities have the authority to enact an ordinance that prohibits the distribution of single-use plastic carryout bags by retailers and further requires that retailers charge a fee for the use of paper carryout bags.”

Ainsworth cited several elements from the Maryland Code’s Local Government Article, Division II, Title 5 that also support this view, as follows:

- The legislative body of a municipality may adopt ordinances to protect the health, comfort and convenience of the residents of the municipality.
- [A] municipality may: ... establish and regulate markets in the municipality.
- A municipality may: ... prevent and remove nuisances; ... and regulate any place where noxious things are manufactured, offensive trades are conducted or that may cause unsanitary conditions or conditions detrimental to health.

Comments, Questions

Mayor Emmett Jordan suggested that Ainsworth make her presentation to the Four-Cities Coalition. He thought having consistent bills with sister municipalities together would be more effective. Ainsworth noted that locally Hyattsville and College Park already have draft bills. To Jordan’s question about restaurant carry-out, Ainsworth suggested Baltimore’s bill does include restaurants but Easton’s bill exempts restaurants.

Councilmember Judith Davis noted enforcement, staffing and grace-time provisions as issues to implementing a ban. Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked how long the Laurel ban had been in effect and noted that the Laurel Giant now uses only paper bags. Ainsworth replied that the Laurel ban has been in effect since January first of this year. Councilmember Silke Pope commended Ainsworth on her excellent presentation and Councilmember Ric Gordon inquired about fines as a deterrent for ignoring bans. John Lippert of Green ACES (Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability) came in support of plastic bans and mentioned that all the beer made using water from the Great Lakes contains microplastics.





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Sports

Young Soccer Players End Fall Season, Winter Play Starts Soon

by Joel Cahalan

Greenbelt Soccer Alliance wrapped up the 2022 fall season with make-up games on Saturday, November 12. The first- and second-grade co-ed team played a tough game against HB2. Playing in four-by-four small-sided format, many players saw plenty of on-ball action and the team fought hard, managing one goal. Ultimately, they came up short due to a seemingly older and faster opponent.

Partway through the season, the first- and second-grade girls team joined forces with the co-ed team due to a lack of numbers. This swelled the team to 11 players regularly attending games and allowed for plenty of substitutions. The team greatly improved their skills and overall field sense over the season, while also developing a good sense of team camaraderie. One ever-popular aspect of the games was the parent-provided snacks at the end.

Greenbelt Soccer Alliance, the sponsoring organization, has held together through the decimation of Covid lockdowns and seems to be on the upswing with a new generation of kids coming up through the ranks. While some of the leadership is moving on, at an end-of-year pizza party and organizational meeting several folks stepped up to fill roles. The organization is still seeking an overall coordinator to help shepherd the group. For more information or to get involved go to greenbeltsoccer.org. To register your child for indoor winter sessions starting in December go to bit.ly/3VgsWUG.

Joel Cahalan is a volunteer coach with Greenbelt Soccer Alliance and the parent of a first-grade soccer player.



Greenbelt Soccer Alliance players huddle and cheer.



The Greenbelt Soccer Alliance co-ed team developed camaraderie through the season.

- Photos by Anna Bedford-Dillow

Mentoring Groups Hold Open House Dec. 10

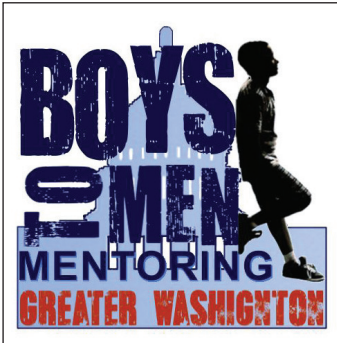
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This month we were off to an early start with our annual Drive-Thru Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway event sponsored by Reid Temple. Big thank you to Renee Brooks from Reid Temple, Corporal Carlos Torres, Officer Alvarez and Officer Dang from Greenbelt Police Department for their acts of service to ensure that all 250 turkeys and produce boxes were distributed to Franklin Park residents. We also want to acknowledge our Resident Services Manager, Jocelyn Gutierrez, and the officers for going the extra mile to personally deliver a turkey and food box to one of our residents who could not physically make it to the event. Truly making it a moment that matters.



Thanksgiving Groceries & Things Giveaways

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